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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN/SFCP - SECRETARY RIPLEY'S FIELD TRIP

1. SECRETARY RIPLEY AND DR. SALIM ALI COMPLETED ORNITHOLOGICAL RESEARCH IN ORISSA MARCH 1 AND FLEW TO BOMBAY. FULFILLED HEAVY SCHEDULE IN BOMBAY MARCH 1 TO 6. AND NEW DELHI MARCH 6 TO 8 WHEN DEPARTED FOR HONG KONG.

2. HIGH POINT OF NEW DELHI VISIT WAS HALF HOUR INTERVIEW WITH PRIME MINISTER GANDHI, ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. RIPLEY AND JAMSHED BHABHA HIS HOST. RIPLEY ALSO PAID COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADOR SAXBE, DELIVERED ONE TATA MEMORIAL LECTURE AND GAVE 30 MINUTE VIDEO TAPE INTERVIEW ON WILDLIFE CONSERVATION. HE

DISCUSSED PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL ECOLOGICAL INTEREST WITH DR. B.D. NAG CHAUDHURY, CHAIRMAN OF BINATIONAL S AND T SUBCOMMISSION; AND HAD DINNER WITH DR. A. RAMACHANDRAN SECRETARY OF DEPARTMENT OF S AND T.

3. IN BOMBAY, HE DELIVERED TWO TATA LECTURES, ADDRESSED BOMBAY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF WHICH DR. SALIM ALI IS UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESIDENT, INSPECTED BHABHA ATOMIC RESEARCH CENTRE

AND TATA INSTITUTE FOR FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH, AND
ATTENDED DINNER GIVEN BY CONSUL GENERAL BANE.

4. THROUGHOUT VISITS TO BOMBAY AND NEW DELHI RIPLEY WAS
GUEST OF TATA MEMORIAL TRUST. PROGRAM WAS EXCELLENTLY PLANNED
BY JAMSHED BHABHA, HEAD OF NEW CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS IN
BOMBAY AND BROTHER OF LATE HOMI BHABHA, ONE OF INDIA'S
MOST CELEBRATED SCIENTISTS.

5. PRESS AND EDITORIAL COVERAGE OF RIPLEY SPEECHES WAS
GRATIFYING, ESPECIALLY IN NEW DELHI.

6. BEFORE DEPARTING, RIPLEY EXPRESSED DEEP APPRECIATION FOR
EFFORTS MADE ON HIS BEHALF BY STAFFS OF EMBASSY, CONGEN
CALCUTTA AND CONGEN BOMBAY.SAXBE

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